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DAYLIGHT ROBBERY!

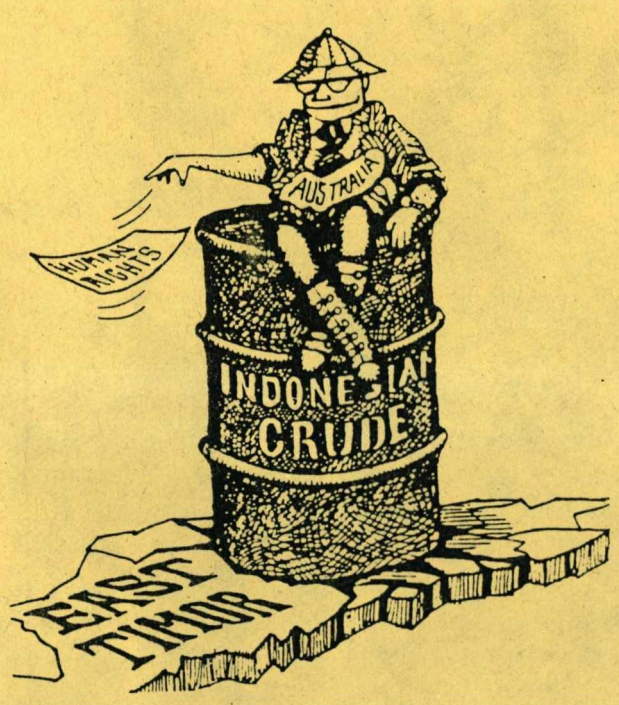
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S TIMOR GAP TREATY WITH INDONESIA

Last December, the Government of Bob Hawke signed a treaty with Indonesia for joint exploitation of oil and gas reserves in the seabed off the coast of East Timor. This is believed to be one of the world's largest oil reserves. The Treaty will provide Australian petroleum companies with huge resources and fat profits for many years to come.

Yet Indonesia has no right to dispose of these reserves. They belong to the people of East Timor. East Timor was invaded by Indonesia in December 1975 and forcibly annexed a year later. 200,000 East Timorese, a third of the population, died in the war that followed.

Today, East Timor lives under illegal Indonesian occupation. The people of East Timor still suffer under the Indonesian jackboot. All basic freedoms have been denied. Above all, their right to self-determination has been ignored. Australia has entered into a treaty with the oppressors of the people of East Timor. They have entered into a treaty to share the spoils of one of this century's most brutal wars.

On 8 May, 1990, Australia's newly-elected Parliament assembles. Ratification of the illegal Timor Gap Treaty will be at the top of the agenda.



Join us in a protest outside the Australian High Commission.

Join us in calling on the Australian Parliament to refuse to ratify this robbers' pact.

Time: 5.30 - 7 pm
Date: Tuesday, 8 May 1990
Place: Australia House, Strand, London WC1

Sponsored by: TAPOL, the Indonesia Human Rights Campaign; Christian Movement for Peace, Croydon Peace Council, Liberation, National Peace Council, Women Working for a Nuclear Free & Independent Pacific London Group, Aboriginal Land Rights Support Group.